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CEREMONY INVOLVING METROPOLITAN OPERA STARS

1. LEARNED JANUARY 23 THAT MARIO SALINELLI, REPRESENTING CITY OF SANREMO, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26-31 TO TRY ARRANGE PRESENTATION OF SEVERAL BICENTENNIAL GIFTS TO THE WHITE HOUSE FROM THE CITY OF SANREMO. THIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BENEFIT GALA ARRANGED BY SANREMO TO BE HELD MARCH 14 AT THE METROPOLITAN OPERA IN NEW YORK. SALINELLI SEEKS TO ARRANGE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FOR SMALL GROUP OF STAR PERFORMERS FROM THE BENEFIT INCLUDING ANNA MOFFO, LILIANA COSI, RENATO RASCEL, LUCIANO PAVAROTTI, OTHERS. GOLD KEYS TO THE REGION OF ABRUZZO MAY ALSO BE PRESENTED AT METROPOLITAN TO PERRY COMO AND DEAN MARTI, AS SONS OF THAT REGION. PROPOSED GIFTS WILL INCLUDE BOUQUET 1,492 ROSES FROM REGION OF LIGURIA, WHERE BOTH SANREMO AND GENOA, HOME OF COLUMBUS, ARE LOCATED.

2. FYI SALINELLI ONE OF ORGANIZERS OF MUSICAL BENEFIT BEHALF OF UNICEF IN SANREMO LAST YEAR AND OF MUSICAL BENEFIT FOR FAO TO BE HELD THERE FEBRUARY 22 THIS YEAR. METROPOLITAN OPERA GALA WILL BENEFIT U.S. CHARITIES. SALINELLI MAY BE CONTACTING YOUR OFFICES TO FIND OUT TO WHOM HE SHOULD SPEAK. VOLPE

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